

**COOPER HEWITT, SMITHSONIAN DESIGN MUSEUM ETHICAL RETURNS &
SHARED STEWARDSHIP REQUEST FORM**

Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum acknowledges the enduring harm of past collecting practices and the urgent need to prioritize and implement new ethical standards for existing and future collections. While an object may have been legally acquired, continued control by the museum may not be ethical or reflective of the guiding values and principles adopted by our institution. Cooper Hewitt is dedicated to fostering respectful partnership and dialogue with individuals, communities, as well as national and international governments through consultation and thoughtful engagement. The museum recognizes its role as a collaborative custodian in helping to interpret and care for objects that represent a diversity of peoples, cultures, and communities.

If you wish you submit a request for the ethical return or shared stewardship of one or more objects in Cooper Hewitt’s collection, please fill out the form below and email to **CHDirectorsOffice@si.edu**. Request submissions will be acknowledged within ten (10) business days of receipt. All requests will be reviewed by Cooper Hewitt’s Ethical Returns-Shared Stewardship Committee.

Please provide the following information for the primary contact person for the request:

First: _____

Middle: _____

Last: _____

Job Title/Role: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred phone number: _____

Alternate phone number: _____

Are you submitting this claim on behalf of:

(Tick all that apply)

- Yourself
- Family Member
- Tribal nation
- Community
- Government

If applicable, please provide name(s) of the tribe, nation, government, community, or coalition submitting the request.

Please list the object(s) believed to be candidates for ethical return or shared stewardship. When possible, please provide the Cooper Hewitt accession number(s) and title, date, and maker(s).

Please provide link(s) to the object(s) if you have identified them on either collection.cooperhewitt.org or collections.si.edu.

Please explain your relationship to the object(s) and the reason for your request for ethical return or shared stewardship.

Please send this form and any supporting documentation, including photographs to CHDirectorsOffice@si.edu.